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Meeting April 28 in Nantucket

Corps to hold public information meeting on Winergy meteorological tower permit request

CONCORD, Mass. – A public information meeting will be held April 28 in Nantucket, Mass. to provide information about the permit request by Winergy LLC to install a meteorological and scientific data tower seven miles southeast of Nantucket Island.

This will be an opportunity for people to learn about the Corps of Engineers permit review and the proposals by Winergy LLC. A public notice was issued Jan. 30, 2003 on the permit application by Winergy LLC to install, operate and maintain a fixed tower and associated oceanographic instrumentation in ocean waters about seven nautical miles southeast of Nantucket Island off the coast of Massachusetts to collect meteorological and scientific data. The single 6.56 foot diameter monopile will support a 30-foot by 30-foot platform and a monopile extending to 169.85 feet mean lower low water.

The purpose of the structure is to collect wind, wave and other scientific data to evaluate the location's suitability for wind power generators. The proposal for installation of wind power generators is being evaluated separately with further opportunity for public involvement. (A permit request, file #200201108, for Winergy LLC generator sites has been published separately. Check the website address at the end of this release for more information).

The decision on this data tower permit application will not affect whether the Corps will issue a permit for any future wind projects at this site.

The public information meeting will be held on Monday, April 28 at 7 p.m. in the Nantucket High School, located at 10 Surfside Road, Nantucket, Mass. The meeting is being held in response to requests during the prior public comment period. There will also be an

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opportunity to ask questions. Although this will not be a public hearing, a stenographer will be available to take statements from those who wish to take advantage of the opportunity and written comments can also be submitted. (A series of public meetings will be held separately for the Winergy LLC application to install wind turbine generators.)

The application for the federal permit was filed with the Corps of Engineers in compliance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, which provides for federal regulation of any work in, or affecting navigable waters of the United States.

To assist in properly evaluating the proposal, the Corps is seeking public comments. Written statements referencing this permit request (file #200201973) should be forwarded to this office no later than May 16, 2003. Additional information is available from Project Manager Karen K. Adams at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, Regulatory Division, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742. Comments can be sent to wind.energy@usace.army.mil. More information is available at the Corps website: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil>. Select “projects” and then “Winergy LLC Met tower permit application.”